

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Sequence Listing accompanying this response be entered into the specification

It is believed that the current amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

Sequence Requirements

The application was objected to for failure to comply with requirements for patent applications containing nucleotide sequence disclosures as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 – 1.825. Specifically, the Notice mandates that Applicants provide (1) an initial or substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing, as well as an amendment directing entry into the specification, (2) an initial or substitute Sequence Listing in Computer Readable Form (CRF), and (3) a statement that the content of the paper and CRF are the same and add no new matter.

In response thereto, Applicants submit herewith a paper Sequence Listing, a Sequence Listing in Computer Readable Form, and a statement that the content of the paper and CRF are the same and add no new matter, in fulfillment of the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.821 through 1.825 (sent to “Mail Stop Sequence”). Applicants respectfully request entry of the Sequence Listing into the Specification.

Summary

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below if such would advance the prosecution of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Vineet Kohli
Reg. No. 37,003
Attorney for Applicant

MERCK & CO., INC.
P.O. Box 2000
Rahway, New Jersey 07065-0907
(732) 594-3889

Date: February 10, 2006